

Remarks

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Claims 2 and 19 have been amended to correct the status identifiers. In an office action mailed July 13, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-23. In this response, Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-16, 18, and 20-22 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 23 have been amended. Claims 24-35 are new. Consequently, Claims 2, 4, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 23-35 are now pending.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-12 were rejected under §112 due to an a lack of antecedent basis for a term appearing in Claim 1. Claim 1 has been cancelled rendering the rejection moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-10, 12-16, and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,657,739 issued to Grant in view of USPN 6,886,028 issued to Matsuyama. To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, the Examiner must show some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings; that there is a reasonable expectation of success; and that the prior art reference (or references when combined) teach or suggest all the claim limitations. MPEP § 2142.

Initially, it is noted that Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-16, 18, and 20-22 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to depend from new Claim 24. Claims 11, 13, and 17 have been amended to depend from new Claim 28. Claims 19 and 23 have been amended to depend from new Claim 32.

As a consequence, the Claims can be separated into the following three sets:

1. Claims 24, 2, 4, and 25-27 are all directed to a method manual duplex printing, in a web based imaging environment.
2. Claims 28, 11, 13, 17, and 29-31 are all directed to a destination service capable of implementing the method of Claim 24.
3. Claim 32, 19, 23, and 33-35 are all directed to a system for implementing the method of Claim 24.

Claim 24 is directed to a method manual duplex printing, in a web based imaging environment and recites the following acts:

1. downloading, from a destination service representing one or more printing devices, content to a browser for a user, the content to be executed by the browser to enable the user to select one of the one or more printing devices as well as production options;
2. at the destination service, receiving from the browser a production option for manual duplex printing for a selected one of the one or more printing devices;
3. from the destination service, causing the selected printing device to print training images;
4. at the destination service, receiving confirmation of orientations of the training images based on a response from the user;
5. formulating manual duplex printing instructions specific to the selected printing device based on the confirmed orientations of the training images; and
6. receiving, at the destination service, imaging information from a personal imaging repository associated with a user;
7. from the destination service, causing the selected printing device to print a first portion of the imaging information on a first side of each of a plurality of sheets;
8. presenting the user with instructions to reload the printed sheets in the selected printing device in accordance with the formulated manual duplex printing instructions; and

9. from the destination service, causing the selected printing device to print a second portion of the imaging information on a second side of each of the plurality of sheets.

Grant and Matsuyama, individually and combined, fail to teach the combination of acts recited by Claim 24. Specifically, the references even when combined fail to teach or suggest the use of a destination service as recited in Claim 24. For at least this reason, Claim 24 is patentable over the cited references as are Claims 2, 4, and 25-27 due at least in part to their dependence from Claim 24.

Claim 28 is directed to a destination service capable of implementing the method of claim 24. For at least the same reasons Claim 24 is patentable, so are Claim 28 and Claims 11, 13, 17, and 29-31 which depend from Claim 28.

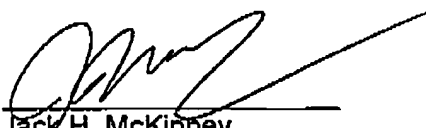
Claim 32 is directed to a system for implementing the Method of Claim 24. For at least the same reasons Claim 24 is patentable, so are Claim 32 and Claims 19, 23, and 33-35 which depend from Claim 32.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2, 4, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 23-35 define allowable subject matter. The Examiner is requested to indicate the allowability of all claims in the application and to pass the application to issue.

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